

## VESSEL SUNK BY TORPEDO SAYS CONSUL

**Official Report of Allan Line Officials Says Hesperian Made No Attempt to Escape Submarine.**

**ONE WOMAN CLAIMS SHE SAW A TORPEDO**

**Death Roll Now Placed at Seventeen—Papers Claim Ship Was Torpedoed Without Giving Warning.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Consul Frost at Queenstown this afternoon called the state department that it had been established beyond doubt that the Hesperian was torpedoed. His cable stated:

"From steel fragments preserved in dubitable that she (Hesperian) was destroyed by torpedo."

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 7.—"The Hesperian was not conveyed by warships; the Hesperian made no attempt to escape; the Hesperian was not warned before it was torpedoed."

This official statement, covering three essential points on which the American government is seeking information, was given out today by the Allan line, owner of the liner Hesperian.

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Capt. Hain's official report on the sinking of the Allan liner Hesperian was received by the British admiralty today. The report was kept secret, the admiralty following its usual custom of withholding reports of such kind, but it is possible that part or all of the information given in the report will be furnished to Ambassador Page if he requests it.

Nine more passengers and sailors were accounted for today after they had been given up for dead. Allan line officials announced this afternoon that they had accounted for all but 17 persons. These were: Passengers, 12; sailors, 5.

Though Capt. Hain's report was not made public, the government censor permitted the publication of a direct statement that the Hesperian was torpedoed without warning and this was the view generally accepted in British circles.

Ambassador Page is still proceeding with his investigation of the Hesperian's destruction. American embassy officials are deeply disappointed that the ship was not able to reach port as then it would have been possible to learn whether the liner's hull was smashed by a torpedo or a mine.

**Woman Saw Torpedo.**  
The press quotes a woman passenger of the Hesperian as stating that she saw a torpedo coming toward the ship, but as far as is known at present no one saw a submarine in the vicinity. In this respect the destruction of the Hesperian is unique.

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## WE'LL GO SLOW IN HESPERIAN CASE

**Administrator Sees No Present Reason to Question Good Faith of Germany.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Pres't Wilson will take no action in the case of the Allan liner Hesperian, torpedoed off the Irish coast, for some time to come. It was stated in official circles today that the administration sees no reason to question the good faith of Germany or to believe that her promise that "liners will not be sunk without warning" has been violated. Official reports have been asked for from Ambassador Page, and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin will make inquiries in German official circles whether any report regarding the Hesperian has been made.

Until these reports reach Washington the United States will not take any action. It is believed generally here that unless a German submarine commander should report to his superiors that the Hesperian was attacked, it will be impossible for the United States to act. According to all of the information so far received no one on board the liner saw a submarine and the first knowledge of impending danger came with the detonation of the explosive which wrecked the forward engine room.

Officials here call attention to the fact that while the report received here from Consul Frost at Queenstown specifically states that the liner was torpedoed without warning, up to the present time no official statement to that effect has been made by the British admiralty. The lost liner almost disaster outside of the recognized zone of German naval operations, which caused some officials here to suggest that possibly she struck a floating mine.

The mere fact that the Hesperian carried a gun aft, official here say, makes no legal difference in her status, however, they say that should Germany accept responsibility for the question of whether the Hesperian actually was a transport, recognized as such, will prove material.

## OLIVER GROUNDS TO HAVE FOOTBALL FIELD

**Electric Lights at Sample Grounds Will Permit of Use in Evenings.**

Playgrounds in the city with the exception of the Oliver and Sample, closed Saturday.

A football field at the Oliver playground is to be laid out this week by J. H. Hudson, who was recently appointed recreation director, laying out of grid-iron at Pottawatomie park and at Leeper will be undertaken shortly by the park board, and Municipal Recreation Director F. B. Barnes will have charge of this work.

At the Sample st. grounds electric lights are to be installed. In view of the fact that the Warsaw Civic club has decided to back the matter, it has been decided by the municipal recreation committee to install the lights at once. This will enable the grounds to be used for recreation purposes at night as well as during the day.

Miss Gladys Hamilton, director of the Laurel playground, left Tuesday morning for Michigan university, Ann Arbor, where she will continue her study of playground work. M. C. Knapp, director of the Oliver grounds, left Monday for Niles, O., where he will have charge of the physical department in the Niles high school.

A baseball meeting of ward league players and officials has been announced for Wednesday night by Mr. Barnes.

## LAW SCHOOL WELL KNOWN

**Philippine Student is Here to Attend Notre Dame.**

That Notre Dame's law school is known all over the world was again proven Tuesday when Manuel Jose arrived at the university after a long journey from Province Rizal, Philippine islands. He left his home July 24th, and spent some time at the Panama exposition. He is a very bright little fellow having graduated from St. Thomas university in Manila from the department of arts and letters, and before entering the university he had completed a business course.

During the past scholastic year two students were studying law at Notre Dame, both coming from the Philippines. The boys from the Philippines are very apt and are exceptionally good mixers and earn our language in a few days.

## NEW PEACHES ON MARKET

**Crawford and Elberts Sell For \$1.50 a Bushel.**

Green peppers, pickles, and cucumbers held sway at the public market Tuesday morning. Green peppers sold at 3 dozen for 25 cents, while the pickles and cucumbers ranged in price from 30 cents to 40 cents a peck.

The first supply of late Crawford and Elberts peaches were sold Tuesday morning, the market price being 50 cents a basket or \$1.50 a bushel. A few Kalamazoo peaches were also disposed of.

Tomatoes ranged in price from 50 cents to 70 cents a bushel. The price of garden truck, plums, and late fall vegetables ranged the same as on other market days. Fresh eggs were again high at 25 cents a dozen.

## WILL VISIT ROTARIANS

**National Leader of Organization Here on Monday.**

Final arrangements for the entertainment and reception of Allan D. Albert, international president of the Rotarians, will be made at the weekly luncheon Wednesday noon of the Rotary club. Mr. Albert will be the guest of the local Rotarians at luncheon at noon, and in the evening a dinner in his honor will be given. The public will be invited to attend this dinner, which will be served in the banquet room of the Oliver hotel. Mr. Albert will make an address at the banquet, talking on civic matters.

These tentative plans for the reception will be discussed at the luncheon Wednesday noon, and final preparations made at that time.

## PEDDLER IS FINED \$11

**Chicago Man Says He Only Carried the Bundle.**

Hamid Solem, an Arabian, giving the police department Chicago as his home, was arraigned in city court Tuesday morning charged with peddling on the streets of the city without a license. He declared that he was merely in the employ of a fellow-countryman in this city and that he carried the bundle from which the other man sold articles. He was fined \$11.

## BICYCLE THEFT IS CHARGED

**Milford Campbell Arraigned and Enters Not Guilty Plea.**

Milford Campbell of Vernon Heights was arraigned in city court Tuesday morning on charges of vagrancy and of stealing a bicycle valued at \$30 from H. Monroe Hardman. His mother was complainant in the first charge. He pleaded not guilty to both charges, and trial was set for Thursday morning. He is being held upon bond of \$50.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles Gang, cabinet maker; Mattie Prater, glove maker; Robert Kane, farmer, North Liberty; Augusta C. Hauser, Lakeville; James Sirks, farmer, Covert, Mich.; Sylvia Heffner, dictaphone operator, Chicago; Anna Kaszewski; Henry Meyer, gasfitter; Hazel DeGraft, textile worker; Meyer Peskin, merchant; Sophia Menkin, shirtworker; Leopold Dhoori, laborer; Julia Van Steenkiste, seamstress; Claude Gearhart, range builder; Marie Scooter, glazier; Claude Stewart, painter, Niles, Mich.; Cora Smith, paper worker, Niles; Stanley Tobolski, deputy county clerk; Agnes S. Kuczwara, dressmaker; Arthur Melvin Charwood, baker; Grace Edith Charwood, saleslady; J. L. Apple, farmer, Noble county; L. A. Sherman.

## MAYOR BELL IS ON TRIAL AT CAPITAL

**First Gun For Defense is Fired When Motion is Made Asking For Dismissal of Seven Men.**

**FEW MEN ARE EAGER TO SERVE AS JURORS**

**All Manner of Excuses Are Offered to Escape Duty—No Spectators Will be Allowed in Gallery.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 7.—The first gun for the defense in the trial of Mayor Joseph E. Bell, whose trial on a charge of conspiracy to commit a felony in connection with the elections in Marion county in 1914 was fired in common court this forenoon, when Atty. Michael A. Ryan at the opening of court presented a motion to Special Judge William H. Eichhorn, asking the dismissal of seven men summoned for jury service on the grounds that they could not be found.

Ryan contended that Judge Collins had no authority to have Sheriff Coffin choose the men.

Mayor Bell is the first to stand trial out of 128 officials and politicians indicted under a blanket indictment containing over 40 counts returned by the Marion county grand jury after a five months' investigation. Eight defendants have entered pleas of guilty and three others have recently died.

Among the so-called "higher ups" under indictment are National Committeeman Thomas Taggart, Chief of Police Perrott and a score of others prominent in political and official life.

Many Offer Excuses.  
The work of selecting a jury to hear the evidence in the trial of Mayor Joseph E. Bell of Indianapolis, charged with conspiracy to commit a felony in connection with the registrations, primary and election of 1914, was delayed this forenoon by the numerous requests of venire men who sought to be excused from service.

Some presented physicians' certificates to prove physical unfitness; others used sickness in their families to escape judicial duty. Another wanted to give his attention to exhibit at the state fair, while still others had official engagements.

Special Judge William H. Eichhorn of Bluffton was not inclined to accept the various excuses presented and told the venire men the attorneys in the case should be permitted to pass on their qualifications after the actual choosing of the jury had begun.

Special bailiffs were on hand to maintain order. It was decided to permit no spectators in the gallery of the court.

## ARE OPERATING JITNEYS

**Strikers Aid in Carrying People at Albany, N. Y.**

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 7.—Striking employees of the United Traction Co. aided in operating jitney buses in this city today. All trolley lines in this city are idle. The strike started yesterday morning and the employees yesterday morning refused to accept the disciplinary tactics of Charles Coons, the superintendent of the company. The men asserted that they were disciplined by the superintendent without ever having a chance to defend themselves and were fined one, two or three days' pay. An all night conference to settle the strike failed.

## BRITISH STEAMER IS SUNK

**Dictator Goes Down But Crew Lands Safely.**

LONDON, Sept. 7.—The Harrison liner Dictator, a British vessel of 4,116 tons, has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. Lloyd's reports are that the destruction of the steamer states that the crew was saved and was landed today.

The Dictator, which was built in 1891, formerly plied between Liverpool and South American ports, but since April is believed to have been used by the British government. The vessel was 355 feet long, and had a beam of 45.1 feet and a depth of 29.7 feet.

## ARTILLERY DUEL NOW RAGING AT GALLIOLI

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 7.—(Via Berlin by Wireless)—A great artillery duel is raging on Gallipoli peninsula, with warships participating, according to the Turkish war office. It issued the following statement today: "The enemy unsuccessfully bombarded with his land and ship batteries our positions before Sed-Ul-Bahr and Anafarta. Our artillery caused fire to break out in the enemy's trenches and artillery positions at Anafarta."

## VILLA'S MEN ARE NOT IMPLICATED

**Mexican Leader Says His Men Took No Part in Border Depredations.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—Through American Special Agent Carothers, Gen. Villa today sent word to the state department that none of his forces are implicated in the depredations along the Texas border. The chief of the convention forces expressed the belief that bands of outlaws are responsible.

Villa also informed Carothers that his forces had decisively defeated the Carranzistas at Villa station and Bodeyana Sept. 1. Vice Consul Blecker at Piedras Negras today reported that fighting between the Villistas and Carranzistas is going on at Allende.

The leaders of the mutineers who killed the Carranza governor at San Juan Bautista, capital of the state of Toluca, in Mexico, have fled from the city after exacting a heavy tribute from the merchants and sacking the capital. Consul Lespinas at Frontera advised the state department today that the former governor of Toluca has assumed control at the capital and it is thought order will be restored soon. No Americans were molested during the uprising.

Although the border situation was reported somewhat improved today officials do not believe that the crisis there has been paid. They are convinced that the Carranzistas forces south of the Brownsville region are endeavoring to draw the American troops across the border in the expectation that such action will solidify much of the opposition and bring it over to Carranza. As a result it is likely that another conference will be held between Sec'y Lansing and the

South American diplomats, the latter part of this week.

Officials see in the revolt against Carranza in Toluca and Yucatan, and reported desertions of his cause, indications that he will not be supported unanimously by his followers in his expected rejection of the proposed peace conference plan. Because of this fact, the Latin-American diplomats have urged Sec'y Lansing to expedite the next step in his peace program and he has agreed to do so if European affairs will permit.

The Carranza agency here has issued another denial that any organized Carranza forces have been concerned in the Texas border raids. In this connection, it is declared that the Texas rangers and the civil guard are the only forces in the Texas counties bordering on the Rio Grande who have been "fomenting trouble" by their treatment of Mexican families living in these counties.

## PEACE TALK IS FUTILE

**Earl Grey Says Allies Will Continue European War.**

LONDON, Sept. 7.—Earl Grey is authority for a statement that peace talk at present is futile. The former governor general of Canada in a telegram to the International News Service London office, said: "The British empire is fighting the battle of humanity, and if true to itself, will continue fighting until the great offender is sufficiently punished for the wanton violation of international agreements on the enforcement where of the highest hopes of all nations and civilization is generally depend."

"In view of the German pretensions, the present peace talk is futile," "GREY."

## DESTROYER IS SENT DOWN

**Athens, Sept. 7.—The Turkish torpedo boat destroyer Yar Hissar has been sunk in the sea of Marmara by an allied submarine.**

The Yar Hissar was built in 1907. She was 184 feet long, displaced 284 tons and had a speed of 28 knots.

## Mob is Foiled in Attempt to Lynch Man Who Killed Three

**CAMBRIDGE, Maryland, Sept. 7.—To outwit a mob of farmers bent on lynching him, Frank Granco, accused of murdering two men and a woman near Snow Hill, today was placed aboard the state steamboat Gov. Thomas here to be taken to Baltimore for safe keeping.**

Earlier in the day Granco was brought to the jail here from Salisbury after a mob of 125 men from Snow Hill had vainly tried to get possession of the alleged murderer. It was after midnight when the mob, baffled in their attack on the Salisbury jail, arrived here. Their effort was frustrated by the sheriff and his deputies, who then determined to take the man to Baltimore.

Granco was removed to the Salisbury jail late yesterday after a mob had made demonstrations against the Snow Hill jail and threatened to lynch Granco after nightfall. After Granco had been spirited to Salisbury one of the Snow Hill deputies showed a com-

## HERE'S OUR REAL ENEMY

**U.S. TREASURY**

**PORK BARREL CONGRESSMAN**

**U.S. NAVY**

**U.S. ARMY**

**U.S. AIR FORCE**

**U.S. MARINE CORPS**

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## RUSS CLAIM ADVANCE HAS BEEN HALTED

**Recent Heavy Rains South of the Niemen River Have Turned Swamps Into Bogs and Germans Suffer.**

**BIG GUNS HAMMER AWAY AT WEST FRONT**

**German Aviators in Raid Over Gerardmer Kill Two—Bombs and Petards Play Important Part.**

PETROGRAD, Sept. 7.—A semi-official statement issued here today asserts that the Austro-German forces have been checked at practically every point on the battle front, that the Russian field armies are now fighting under favorable conditions and with courage unimpaired and that the great Teutonic invasion appears to be on the verge of collapse.

Attention of the military experts is centered on the Riga region, where German artillery is trying to shatter the strong Russian defense positions on the right bank of the Dvina river. Thus far the Russians have more than held their own, the war office asserts, and have held back the Germans on the Niemen front, thus preventing the transfer of troops to the Dvina front.

South of the Niemen river, the Germans have suffered tremendous losses in men and equipment. Recent heavy rains have turned the swamps into bogs in which soldiers and artillery have sunk. In their attempts to build roads the Germans have been handicapped by the Russian artillery fire. The Russians are now fighting in their chosen ground. In the limited spheres of action the cossacks are daily showing their superiority over the Teutonic cavalry. Their frequent raids upon the German lines of communications have been of enormous help.

## ARTILLERY DUELS

PAIRIS, Sept. 7.—The third week of the terrible Franco-German artillery duel opened last night with undiminished violence. Both the opposing armies are keeping up a continual combat with big guns from Flanders to Alsace.

Today's official communique from the war office tells of cannonading at many points and also of a raid by German aviators in the direction of Alsace. "Cannonading and fighting with bombs and petards occurred during part of the night around Souchez and Neuilly, south of the city of Valenciennes in the region of Arny and Vailly, in the region of Roie, as well as on the plateau of Vlain a bombardment of our positions drew an effective reply from our batteries."

"In Champagne between Auvre and Souain, near Beauséjour and in the Vosges in the region of Lussu, the activity of the two artilleries was likewise very violent."

"The night was without incident on the rest of the front."

"German aviators flew over Gerardmer yesterday and this morning and threw bombs. The first attack was without result; in the second two persons were made victims."

## CZAR COMMANDS RUSSIAN FORCES

**What Part Grand Duke Nicholas is to Play Not Mentioned in Dispatch.**

PARIS, Sept. 7.—Emperor Nicholas has taken over the command of the Russian armies. Whether this will result in the complete elimination of Grand Duke Nicholas is not yet known. Apparently the czar's action had been kept a close secret at Petrograd for the first intimation by this action came in a personal dispatch from the Russian ruler to Pres't Poincare today.

The message from the czar to the president follows: "In placing myself today at the head of my valiant army, I take particular pleasure in addressing to you, monsieur president, most sincere wishes for the gradual of France and the victory of its glorious army."

Replying, Pres't Poincare said: "I know that in taking command your majesty intends to pursue energetically until the final victory the war forced upon the allied nations."

At the same time Pres't Poincare expressed to the czar warmest regards in the name of France.

ATHENS, Sept. 7.—A dispatch from Petrograd says that the chief of police in the Russian capital has been assassinated.

## TWO ARE HELD AS SPIES

**Americans Are Under Arrest at Petrograd, Says Dispatch.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The traveling representative and the European manager of the Rice-Hutchins Co. of Boston have been arrested in Moscow by the Russian military authorities on the suspicion that they are spies, advises to the state department today said.

Still further to the southeast, where the German troops are advancing along the edge of the marshes they have driven the Russians out of their positions at Khonsk and Drogitchin.

In fighting on the Rios river, a tributary of the Niemen, Gen. von Gallwitz captured 1,500 prisoners. The fighting is going on in the city of Wolkowsky, an important railway junction, and extends to a point 25 miles southeast of Slonim. It is through this region that the center of the Russian army had to retreat after its abandonment of the Grodno-Brest-Litovsk region.

"North of Souchez, the enemy made a feeble attempt at a hand grenade attack which was completely repulsed."

"The French advance at Sonderbuck in the Vosges, ended in a fiasco. Brick artillery duels developed in Champagne as well as between the Meuse and Moselle."

"An enemy aeroplane attacked Lichtenfeld north of Roulers. Seven Belgian inhabitants were killed and two injured. German battle aeroplane aviators brought down an enemy machine over Cappel, southeast of St. Avoild. The occupants lost their lives in the course of aerial combats."

## GERMAN SUB WHICH SANK CRUISER, LOST

**BERLIN (by wireless), Sept. 7.—The admiralty announced today that the submarine U-27 had sunk a small British cruiser about Aug. 16, but the U boat has not since returned to her base and is believed to have been lost.**

The location of the sinking of the English cruiser is officially reported to have been west of the Hebrides islands which lie off the northwest coast of Scotland.

The U-27 belonged to the class which was constructed in 1912-13. Her displacement was 840 tons and she had 1,800 horse power. The vessel was capable of making 17 knots an hour on the surface and 13 when submerged, and was equipped with three torpedo tubes. Her crew is supposed to have numbered about 27 men.

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